

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	Neal.
Beall.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Boren. Bowser.

Excused.

Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Greer.	Presler.
Harrison.	Yantis.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 67, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 689, chapter 4, title 8, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the number of the peremptory challenges to jurors allowed to the State and defendant in felony cases not capital."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Linn of Wharton:

Amend by striking out the word "eight," in line 15, and inserting the word "ten."

Pending action.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, further consideration was postponed and the bill made special order for to-morrow after call.

The Chair announced that the hour fixed for the Senate to go into executive session had arrived, and the Senate accordingly went into executive session.

AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

In executive session, the following confirmations were had:

Board of Managers State Lunatic Asylum at Austin: T. B. Cochran, David Harrell, R. P. Bull, Dr. J. D. Fields, all of Travis county; A. W. Carpenter, of Williamson county.

Board of Trustees Deaf and Dumb Asylum: T. W. Gregory, Jeff Johnson, Joseph Koen, W. R. Davis, all of Travis county; W. R. Parker, of Caldwell county.

Board of Trustees Colored Deaf and Dumb Asylum: H. L. Davis, T. W. Folts, T. A. Thomson, Ashby S. Jambes, S. K. Morley, all of Travis county.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

TWENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Friday, Feb. 5.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Ross.
Burns.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn of Wharton.	

Absent.

Boren.

Excused.

Greer.	Presler.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Linn of Victoria.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Tillett, the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator Boren was excused for the remainder of this week and all of next week, on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Burns sent up and had read the following:

To the honorable, the Senate of the State of Texas:

Should an adjournment of your honorable body be taken in order to visit the city of Galveston during the stay of the battleship Texas in the harbor of that city, on behalf and by authority of the Houston Business League, an organization representing the commercial and industrial interests of Houston, I hereby extend an invitation to this entire body and the officers thereof to make the trip from Houston to Galveston by steamer as the guests of said league. Transfer will be made by rail directly from the train to the

steamers and every provision necessary to your comfort and pleasure will be made. Ample time will be allowed to visit the battle field of San Jacinto, to the end that the members of this honorable body may have the privilege of standing on that historic ground, which is immortally hallowed by the devotion and consecrated by the blood of the sons of Texas.

NORMAN G. KITTRELL,
Second Vice President Houston Business League.

On motion of Senator Beall, seconded by Senator Wayland, the invitation was unanimously accepted.

By Senator Bowser:

A petition from the Texas State Medical Association to the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas.

Read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The following House messages were received:

House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 5, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following resolution:

Senate concurrent resolution No. 7, adopting joint rules of the Twenty-fourth Legislature as the joint rules for the Twenty-fifth Legislature.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE, Chief Clerk.

House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 5, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has appointed the following committee on the part of the House to serve with the joint committee appointed by the Senate to redistrict the State into judicial districts: Messrs. Holland of Harris, Logan, Thompson, Seabury, Good, Peery, Staples.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,
Chief Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 109, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1814, article 1815 and article 1816, of title

XXXVII, of the Revised Statutes of 1895 of the State of Texas, relating to the time and manner of making returns to the Secretary of State of election for electors for President and Vice-President, and of estimating the same, and of the meeting of the electors,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 106, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2302, of title 40, chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the competency of witnesses in actions by or against executors, administrators or guardians, or by or against the heirs or legal representatives of a decedent."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 117, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 1494, 1495, and 1496 of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to auditors."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 145, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate proceedings in the District Court on appeal from the County Court, contesting the probate of last wills and testaments."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 105, a bill to be entitled "An act to secure a system of drainage along the public roads of the State by excavating ditches and drains on either side thereof leading into the natural waterways crossed by or adjacent to such roads, and to provide for the making of lateral drainage ditches to empty into same by owners of lands adjacent to said road, and to provide for the payment of expense incurred therefor, and for the collection of assessments from adjoining land owners benefited by such drainage system."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred:

House bill No. 87, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4069, chapter 4, title LXXXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 114, a bill to be entitled "An act to validate acknowledgments to all instruments constituting links in the chain of title, or affecting the title to any lands in the State of Texas, to quiet title to the same, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the following amendment: By inserting "ten" in lieu of "twenty" in section 1, and thus amended recommend that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 122, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1205, Revised Statutes, relating to parties to suits."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 95, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 976 of chapter 8, title 27, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to payment of costs and returning of mandates in the Supreme Court."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 94, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1036 of chapter 20, title 27, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to payment of costs and returning mandates in the Courts of Civil Appeals."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 144, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 749c of chapter 18, of title XXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes, restricting land holdings of certain corporations,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the

same back to the Senate with the following amendment, by amending the last sentence of said bill so as to read as follows: "If there be a depot or depots and no court house, then the two miles shall be measured from the depot nearest the center of such city, town or village, and in case there be neither court house or depot, then the two miles shall be measured from the center of such city, town or village," and thus amended recommend that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 79, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2640 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to loaning money of wards by their guardian."

Have carefully considered same, and I am instructed by committee to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 116, a bill to be entitled "An act to facilitate the collection of wages, salaries, and earnings due for labor performed."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

NEAL, Chairman.

The bill was so referred.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 60, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1180, title XXX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the institution of suits on holidays and on Sundays,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 5, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 66, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for single election polls in cities and towns not having more than 400 electors, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Public Health and Vital Statistics, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 119, a bill to be entitled "An act prohibiting the coloring yellow of any substance designed to be used as a substitute for butter; to prohibit the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale and fraudulent use of substances designed as imitation butter, and prohibiting hotels and public eating houses from fraudulently deceiving their customers by supplying their tables with imitation butter."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

MORRISS, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Colquitt:

Senate bill No. 155, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for the collection of taxes heretofore levied, and that may hereafter be levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed; establishing and continuing such lien; providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes since January 1, 1885, which may have been returned delinquent or reported sold to the State, or to any county, city or town, for the tax due thereon and not redeemed, or which may hereafter be returned delinquent or reported sold to the State, or to any county, city or town, to satisfy the lien thereon,' as enacted by the regular session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, being chapter 42, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Colquitt:

Senate bill No. 156, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4566, title 94, chapter 13, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to trials of suits growing out of regulations by the Railroad Commission."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Colquitt:

Senate bill No. 157, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1407 of chapter 19, title 30, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to appeal bonds by the State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Turney:

Senate bill No. 158, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3328 of chapter 4, title 66, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and article 4651, chapter 3, title 96, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by providing for the place of record of certain written contracts, for the conditional sale, lease or hire of railroad equipment and rollingstock."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Turney:

Senate bill No. 159, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the registration of all illegally branded cattle in a book to be kept by the clerks of the county court in their offices for that purpose; to provide for the seizure and sale of such cattle by the sheriffs for non-compliance with this act; and to provide for the disposition of the proceeds of such sales; to provide for the examination and inspection of such cattle when about to be slaughtered or shipped; to provide for the payment of the fees of sheriffs and county clerks for the performance of their duties under this act; to define illegally branded cattle, and to make it a misdemeanor to fail to comply with the provisions of this act, and to prescribe the punishment therefor."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Senator Woods:

Senate bill No. 160, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 403, 404 and 405 of title 11, chapter 6, of the Revised Penal Code, in regard to unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors in prohibition districts."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Call concluded.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 55, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 641 and 642, chapter 2 of title 21, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas relating to the creation of corporations,"

Action being on engrossment.

By Senator Linn of Wharton:

Amend section 1 of the bill, on page 7, line 12, by adding thereunto the following subdivision:

"55. To excavate, maintain and operate drainage ditches, canals and flumes, and to condemn land necessary for the right of way, and machinery plants for such drainage ditches, canals and flumes."

Adopted.

By Senator Turney:

Amend by adding section 56, page 7, as follows:

"56. To conduct a general agency and commission business."

Lost.

On motion of Senator Turney, the vote by which the amendment was lost was reconsidered.

Pending further action on the amendment,

Senator Atlee offered the following substitute:

"56. To carry on any legitimate business enterprise which may be conducted in this State by any natural person."

Pending action,

Senator Ross offered the following:

Amend by inserting in line 15, page 8, after the word "owns," the word "unencumbered."

On motion of Senator Bowser, further consideration was postponed, and the bill and pending amendments made special order for Tuesday next, and from day to day.

On motion of Senator Stafford, regular business was suspended to take up

Senate bill No. 54, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 549a, title XIV, chapter 1, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1895, by adding article 533 to the said title and chapter,"

Action being on engrossment.

By Senator Stafford:

Amend caption by adding thereto, "relating to forgery and other offenses affecting written instruments."

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 67, a bill to be enti-

tled "An act to amend article 689 of chapter 4, title 8, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the number of the peremptory challenges to jurors allowed to the State and defendant in felony cases not capital,"

Action being on Senator Linn of Wharton's amendment, to-wit:

Amend by striking out the word "eight," in line 13, and inserting the word "ten."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn of Wharton.	Woods.
Neal.	Yett.

Nays—7.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Beall.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Stafford.
Goss.	

Absent.

Bailey.	Dibrell.
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Excused.

Boren.	Linn of Victoria.
Greer.	Presler.
Harrison.	Yantis.

Bill as amended was then ordered engrossed.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

The Chair laid before the Senate

Senate bill No. 60, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1180, title XXX, chapter 1, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the institution of suits on holidays and on Sunday."

Bill read third time and passed.

The chair laid before the Senate

House bill No. 38, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 887 of title 10 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, prescribing the form of recognizance in appeals of cases of misdemeanors, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.

Bill read third time and passed.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

Senate bill No. 34, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal title 82 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to pass in lieu thereof this act, to license physicians and surgeons and to regulate the practice of medicine,

and to punish persons violating the provisions thereof in the State of Texas."

Bill read second time, with the following amendments:

(1) Amend article 1, in line 15, by striking out the word "twelve," and insert in lieu thereof the word "eight"; also strike out the word "six" in line 16, and insert in lieu thereof the word "four"; also strike out the word "four" in line 16, and insert in lieu thereof the word "two."

(2) Amend article 5, in line 24, by striking out the word "fifteen," and insert in lieu thereof the word "ten."

(3) Amend article 5, in line 14, by striking out the word "and," and inserting said word after the word "character" in said line.

(4) Amend article 7, in line 6, by inserting after the word "act," the following: "And ladies practicing obstetrics solely."

(5) Amend article 8, in line 12, by striking out all in said line after the word "persons."

On motion of Senator Morris, the bill and pending amendments were laid on the table subject to call.

Senate bill No. 74, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to forfeit all lands heretofore sold by the State under any of the various acts of the Legislature for failure to pay any portion of the purchase price therefor or interest thereon or for failure to reside on said land."

Bill read second time, and

On motion of Senator Tillett, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

Senate bill No. 76, a bill to be entitled "An act granting to the State Orphan Home, situate at Corsicana, Navarro county, Texas, 50,000 acres of land out of the unappropriated public domain of Texas, and to provide for the carrying out of the provisions of this act."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend by inserting after the word "authorized," in line 15, the words "if found necessary."

By Senator Tillett:

Substitute the amendment as follows:

Amend by inserting the words "designate or" after the word "to," in line 15.

Adopted.

Amendment as substituted adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

Senate bill No. 2, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 5139 and 5152 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted at the regular session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes on lands in unorganized counties belonging to non-residents."

Bill read second time, and

On motion of Senator Tillett, made special order for Tuesday next, to follow bills previously set for that day, and from day to day.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

Senate bill No. 17, a bill to be entitled "An act for the relief of railway railway companies having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1887, and which have failed or are about to fail to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law."

Bill read second time, with following amendments:

Amend by adding after "shares," in line 7, page 2, the following: "Upon the payment of all its franchise taxes."

Amend by changing "have" to "be," on page 2, line 7.

Amend section 2, page 3, line 10, by adding after the word "share," the following: "Upon the payment of its franchise tax."

Committee amendments adopted.

Bill, as amended, ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Bowser, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following four-fifths vote:

Yeas—17.

Atlee.	Neal.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Beall.	Ross.
Bowser.	Stone.
Burns.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Wayland.
Gough.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Nays—4.

Darwin.	Stafford.
Linn of Wharton.	Tillett.

Absent.

Colquitt.	Lewis.
Goss.	Turney.

Excused.

Boren.	Linn of Victoria.
Greer.	Presler.
Harrison.	Yantis.

Bill read third time and passed, by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	Rogers.
Bailey.	Ross.
Beall.	Stafford.
Bowser.	Stone.
Burns.	Terrell.
Colquitt.	Tillett.
Gough.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Morriss.	Yett.
Neal.	

Nays—2.

Darwin.	Linn of Wharton.
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Absent.

Dibrell.	Lewis.
Goss.	Turney.
Greer.	

Excused.

Boren.	Presler.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Linn of Victoria.	

The Chair laid before the Senate,

Senate bill No. 20, a bill to be entitled "An act to require city and county treasurers to report condition of interest and sinking funds to the State Comptroller; to prohibit them from diverting said funds, and providing penalties."

Bill read second time, and

On motion of Senator Colquitt, laid on the table subject to call.

Senator Dibrell rose to a point of personal privilege.

On motion of Senator Beall, the remarks of Senator Dibrell on the question of personal privilege were ordered spread upon the Journal.

They were as follows:

Mr. President: We arise to a point of personal privilege. Our attention has just been called to a pamphlet published at Paris, Texas, and signed by one John W. Nelson and one Jno. F. Sutton, accredited representatives of an order called "Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers." On pages 25 and 26 of this publication is found the following statement:

"But where are Senators Smith, Goss, Dibrell, Greer, Armistead, and others? They are and should be relegated anti-trust laws, as we believe it a necessity to govern wicked and designing combinations. But when these gentlemen seek and try to deprive the laborer of his inalienable right to name the value of his physical toil, then they seek to disrupt our homes and strike at the very foundation of the peace and safety of our society and State government. We consign such 'fellows' to your tender mercies."

This is the language of the accredited representatives of one of the most powerful labor organizations in the State, but we take pleasure in stating that we do not believe the rank and file of this organization sanction this effort to blackmail and slander. The language used by the authors of this pamphlet is that of charlatans, devoid of respect, and blatant in its nature. The accusation that we, in concert with others, by our action in reference to the anti-trust law, sought "to deprive the laborer of his right to name the value of his physical toil," and to disrupt his home and destroy the peace and safety of society and good government, is as rank a falsehood and as wanton a slander as was ever uttered. This unjust imputation we denounce as an infamous piece of work, wrought by the hands of imposters and breeders of anarchy, who live upon the toil of honest labor, and whose only service is to fan the passions and prejudices of weary toilers.

That Senators present and the public may learn something of the methods used by our accusers we desire to quote further from this report. Upon the first page is this injunction:

"Caution.—You are requested to exercise all possible diligence to withhold this report and recommendations from the observance of persons unfriendly to organized labor."

Further on is a statement of the account due from this Brotherhood to the authors of this report, for services as lobbyists in the Twenty-fourth Legislature, as follows:

Disbursements:

Attorneys' fees	\$100 00
J. W. Nelson, 84 days, @ \$8.50	
per day	714 00
J. T. Sutton, 114 days @ \$8.50	
per day	969 00
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	\$1,783 00

Is it surprising that the toiler of Texas has a struggle for existence, with these huge parasites to bear? But the pertinent question is, for what did this labor organization pay the sum of \$1783 to these two lobbyists? Was their labor physical, mental or moral? Did they pay this money to secure legislation? If so, to whom? We quote further from this report:

"This board (lobby) did much good, and were instrumental in bringing our Brotherhood into the prominent notice of the legislators. They succeeded in getting the 'color blind law' killed, and also introduced an 'anti-blacklist-

ing' law, but it failed of passing. This board also had a bill drawn up that is the basis of our present 'fellow-servants' law. This committee served the Brothers well at Austin, and did much good work. The 'fellow-servants' law was appropriately amended; the 'bond law' and 'anti-detective law' were both passed, and a great amount of other valuable work done by this board."

How have we been deceived for all these years! We thought these laws were the handiwork of the Democratic party, instigated by our popular ex-Governor and his associates.

Pertinent to the point of personal privilege, and desiring to place the responsibility and the glory of the legislation of the last few years where it belongs, we desire to give you, our friends, more light from this inexhaustible source:

"During the session of the Twenty-third Legislature much was anticipated by this committee, many good and wholesome laws were drawn up and prepared by that committee, but owing to the trial of the Land Commissioner their bills came to naught, as the legislators would listen to nothing but revenue and appropriation bills. This committee received and expended \$2168.15." (In God's name, how?)

"This unfortunate circumstance, over which our brothers of the third legislative board (lobbyists) had no control, left practically four years' work on the hands of the fourth legislative board. As to how well your fourth legislative board and its retiring committee have done their work we leave the brothers to judge. However, your committee of the fourth legislative board wish to say, 'We did the best we could.' Often we were destitute of funds, and were compelled to negotiate personal loans from friends to meet current expenses. We were as careful of money as the nature of things would permit. Brothers, you will observe by adding up the receipts and disbursements of the several legislative boards that there have been expended in securing legislation for our benefit an aggregate sum amounting to \$6,749.15."

What means this insinuation? It is intimated that members of the last three Legislatures have been subjects of hire and pay. Listen to the vile imputation as it drags along its slime of infamy:

"Your committee submit for your information a list of the laws that your several boards have secured the enactment and passage of. We think after

due reflection that the money has been well spent and believe the brothers will share the same opinion with us when the fact is taken into consideration that up to 1890 there was not a law on the statute book of the State of any benefits to the laboring masses; now we have the best code of labor laws of any State in the Union, to-wit: The 'fellow-servants law,' 'bond law,' the 'mechanics' lien law,' 'anti-Pinkerton law,' 'union labor law,' 'hours of labor law,' 'law requiring thirty days notice prior to reduction in pay,' 'anti-blacklist law,' 'charter law,' 'recognition of labor laws,' and the 'arbitration law.' This list in no manner represents all the accomplishment of your several legislative boards. For they have been compelled from time to time to divide their efforts in securing the defeat of mischievous measures, directly or indirectly aimed at organized labor. Only those who have served on these boards realize what all of that means. Demands of all descriptions have been made upon the legislative board. * * * For when your legislative committee meets in Austin to secure the passage of laws, expenses immediately begin, and demands of every description are made upon their limited means. The largest items are attorney and counsellors' fees, printing and stationery, stamps and incidentals too numerous to mention, to say nothing of wages. * * * The 'Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' of this State have beyond doubt demonstrated to the laboring masses of Texas and the country what can and is being accomplished through the legislative board."

We submit these remarks not in a spirit of anger, but in obedience to the respect we owe to our fellow legislators and ourselves, and conscious the charges made in this clandestine libel can no more live and be cherished by the honest laborers of Texas, than can vice flourish in the halo of God's glory.

J. B. DIBRELL.
D. F. GOSS.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committees:

1. A committee to visit the State Lumatic Asylum, the Texas Deaf and Dumb Asylum, the Institute for the Blind, and the Institute for Deaf, Dumb and Blind Colored Youths: Senators Yett, Tillett and Burns.

2. A committee to visit the Confederate Home, and the Southwestern Insane Asylum: Senators Woods, Kerr and Lewis.

3. A committee to visit the Univer-

sity of Texas and its Medical Branch: Senators Beall and Presler.

4. A committee to visit the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Prairie View Normal, and the Sam Houston Normal: Senators Wayland, Atlee and Terrell.

5. A committee to visit the North Texas Insane Asylum and the Orphan Home: Senators Colquitt, Gough and Morriss.

6. A committee to visit the Penitentiaries and the House of Correction and Reformatory: Senators Boren, Rogers and Neal.

On motion of Senator Stafford, the Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. on Monday.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Monday, Feb. 8.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Morriss.
Beall.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Ross.
Burns.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yett.

Absent.

Darwin.	Stone.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.
Neal.	

Excused.

Boren.	Linn of Victoria.
Greer.	Presler.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson.

Pending the reading of the Journal of last Friday,

On motion of Senator Woods, the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, Senator Atlee was excused from attendance upon the Senate for to-day, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator Yantis was excused until Thursday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Dibrell,